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The hon. Mr. T. E. Moir :—" The hon. Member is under a misapprehension as to the difference between a private concern and a Government concern."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju :—" Sir, in ascertaining whether the Russellkonda Saw Mill which has been made into a commercial concern is a paying concern or not should we not include also the seigniorage charges which a private concern would have to pay to the Government if they undertook to remove the timber ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" For the information of the hon. Member I may say that this 4 annas was fixed at the time when the mill was started and I can assure the hon. Member that we are now considering the question of raising it to 5 annas."

Removal of green manure in North Arcot, etc., districts.

* 206 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar : With reference to the answers given to clause (c) of question No. 1278 and a supplementary question answered on 3rd December 1924 regarding removal of green manure, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state if the report called for has been received and what action, if any, has been taken regarding North Arcot and other districts ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 652, Development, dated 2nd May 1925, which is placed on the Editors' Table.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Sir, the Government Order referred to stated that the matter will be enquired into as regards three districts, North Arcot, Cuddapah and one other district which I do not remember at present. May I know when the matter will be enquired into, who will make the enquiries, and whether any non-official members will be associated and whether the ryots' point of view will be presented by anybody ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The enquiry is now proceeding, I understand."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" By whom ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" By the Director of Agriculture and the Chief Conservator of Forests."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is there any representative of the ryots whose grievances this enquiry is supposed to remove associated with this enquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" They will be consulted if necessary."

Jails.

Moral lessons for prisoners.

* 207 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether moral lessons are given to the prisoners in Cuddalore and Trichinopoly jails ; and

(b) if not, why not ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:—"Arising out of the answer given to this question, clause (*a*), will the Government be pleased to state whether it is the District Magistrate that arranges for these lectures or any private enterprise?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is private enterprise."

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:—"Then may I take it that the Government have not taken any steps in this direction and is it not the duty of the Government to arrange for these lectures?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is the duty of the Government wherever it is possible and wherever moral lecturers are available to arrange for such lectures."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Are these lecturers paid or are their services purely honorary?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Honorary."

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:—"There are certain instances where although private gentlemen came forward to deliver moral lectures the Government did not take advantage of their services."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Somehow or other in Trichinopoly nobody came forward."

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:—"There are some four or five people ready to give lectures to the prisoners provided they are given permission to do so. But the pity is that Government did not give these people permission."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"If my hon. Friend writes to me on the subject, I shall look into the whole question."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"Is there any Discharged Prisoners Aid Society in Cuddalore or Trichinopoly and will it not be advisable for the Government to entrust these societies with this kind of work?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I will consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Labour.

Recruitment of labour from South Kanara, Malabar, etc.

*208 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the approximate number of labourers who were recruited from each of the districts of South Kanara, Malabar, Coimbatore, Salem and Nilgiris during the three years ending 31st December 1924 for coffee, tea, rubber and other plantations—

(i) in those five districts;

(ii) in Mysore, Travancore and Cochin States;